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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For: SECURITY-PROTECTED HARD DISK APPARATUS AND METHOD THEREOF

Enclosed are:

☒ FOURTEEN (14) sheets of formal drawings, Figures 1-14.

☐ An Assignment of the invention to Fuji Electric Co., Ltd.

☒ The application claims priority from Japanese Applications:
2002-210183 filed July 18, 2002;
2003-016581 filed January 24, 2003.

☐ Certified copies of the priority documents are enclosed.

☐ A Declaration and Power of Attorney.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.

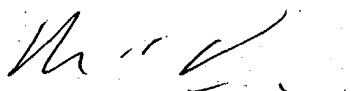
☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

☒ An Information Disclosure Statement.

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Claims	3 - 3 = 0	x	\$ 84.00 =		0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)		+	\$280.00 =		0.00
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